



**Sunday, August 16 ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*In the book of Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and prayer we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

Prelude: Monody for organ

Carson P. Cooman

Gathering Words/Welcome and Announcements

**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

*If possible, prepare your worship space with a cup filled with water and an empty bowl. The presence of water reminds us of God's forgiveness that comes to us through the Sacrament of Baptism. During this time of physical distance and fasting from the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we cling with confident hope to the promise that by God's love and grace, we are made one with Christ in baptism.*

Gathering Hymn :

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord,  
**a people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

Children's Moment

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Reading: Psalm 67

- 1May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- 2Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- 5Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.
- 7May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Acclamation:



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!**



**Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.**



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**



**Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!**

The Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

[<sup>10</sup>Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

612

*Refrain*

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Text © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Response to the Word:

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.*

### Offering

*Though we meet virtually, the ministry of God's people at BLC continues.*

*Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. This time of uncertainty and reduced physical contact gives us ever more opportunities to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources. If you are able, please continue your financial commitment to BLC.*

*If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450.*



*Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.*

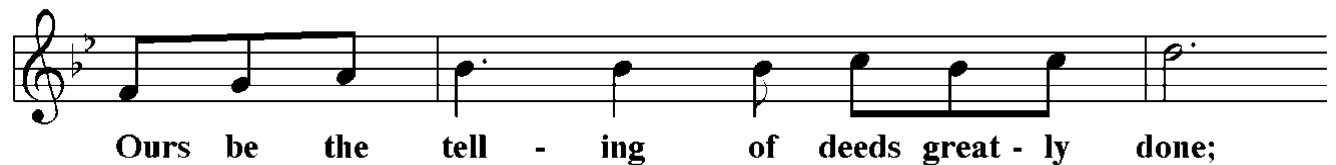
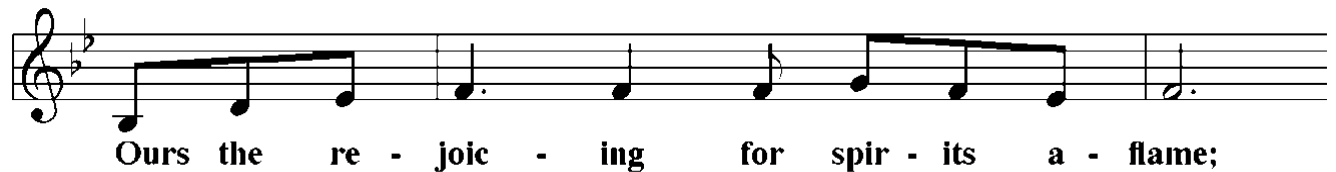
### Offering of Music:

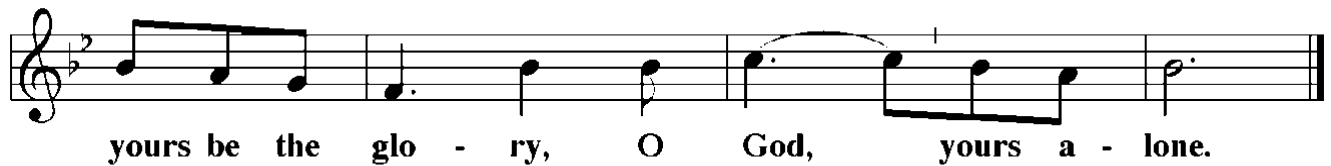
Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Paul O'Malley, soloist*

Offertory:

(WOV pg. 50)





Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. God, our Creator,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People:

Though physically distant, you call us into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*Brief silence*

Gracious Lord, turn your face upon the world. Bless your world with faithful leaders who work for justice for all people. Give us courage and wisdom to be disciples who are like Jesus in extending mercy and grace to those who are often rejected. O God be merciful to us and bless us. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Lord, turn your face upon your church. We pray for our leaders, for Elizabeth and John, our bishops, for Abby and Amy, our pastors, for Beth, Susie, Jim, Annette and Bethany, our staff. We pray for the congregation of Bethlehem and for your church around the world; we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Ryan & Sara (Aderyn & Ivy), Grace, Andy & Ruth, Chrisanne, and Mark & Marjorie; finally, we pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. O God be merciful to us and bless us. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Lord, turn your face upon us. Give strength and persistence to each member of this community in the daily challenges we face. Guide health care workers and all of those working on developing treatments and vaccines for the coronavirus.

*In the silences of our prayer you are encouraged to remember those whose needs are known to us listed below. You may also lift up the name of someone in need of prayer in the comments of our worship livestream.*

With those who are joyful, we celebrate!

- *The marriage of Andrew & Sarah on 8/15*
- *The birth of Logan on 8/4. Logan is the son of Sarah and Jason and baby brother of Quinn!*

For those who are sick, we seek healing.

- *Prayers for Dawn (who is Mary's sister in law) for healing and possible surgery following a bicycle accident*
- *Ed (uncle of Ruth) who is currently hospitalized and anticipating palliative care*
- *Dave as he recovers from surgery on 8/10*
- *Mary who prepares for shoulder replacement surgery on 8/19*
- *Bob who is undergoing radiation*
- *Those who are infected with the Coronavirus and their caregivers*

With those who are mourning, we grieve.

- *Wendy (mother of Nikki) who died on 8/11*
- *Jack (brother of Mary) who died on 7/30*

You know our needs better than we ourselves. Hear the prayers that we offer you now.

*Silence*

O God be merciful to us and bless us.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, in your great mercy, receive these prayers we offer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE:**

Benediction:

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**



Dismissal:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Fugue

John Beckwith

# I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## Calendar for week of August 16 - August 23

*(Updated on 8/12/20 at 12 noon, be sure to visit the BLC Today tab on our Website for updates throughout the week)*

### **Sunday, August 16**

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream  
Worship (recording  
available following worship)

### **Monday, August 17**

***Pastors' Sabbath***

### **Tuesday, August 18**

7:00 pm Zoom\* Re-opening Team

### **Wednesday, August 19**

9:30 am Zoom\* Bible Study  
([Join ID 943 3691 2942](#))  
1:00 pm Zoom\* Men's Breakfast  
([Join ID 874 8853 3240](#))  
7:00 pm Midweek Evening Prayer  
& Reflection (BLC Parking Lot)

### **Thursday, August 20**

6:30 pm Virtual Council Meeting

### **Friday, August 21**

### **Saturday, August 22**

### **Sunday, August 23**

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream  
Worship (recording  
available following worship)

***Pastor Amy will be away from August 21 – August 30***

***For additional details*** about any of the groups listed above, [click here](#), or contact the church office!

***Summer office hours*** will be in effect from Memorial Day - Labor Day! We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. During these times, please call (585) 223-0634 to reach us directly, otherwise you may continue to email us at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) and we'll respond as we're able. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line. Pastor Amy and Pastor Hoffman remain available by phone and email at other times.

***\*To join any of our BLC Zoom meetings, use the ID provided or contact the church office and/or group organizer. [Click here to learn more about how to use Zoom.](#)***

***\*Zoom Options:*** For recurring meetings, the info will remain the same each time. Participants can join with the link provided (above where applicable, or via email), or by using the Meeting ID and manually enter the password (the 10-digit BLC phone number with area code, no spaces or hyphens). ***Please contact the group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details! If you have trouble accessing a Zoom meeting in real-time, you can call or text (585) 364-2129 for assistance.***

---

*As we continue to do our part to practice social distancing, we ask that you only enter the building if it is for an essential activity. Because we cannot be certain of the cleanliness and safety of surfaces, we encourage all building users to take care to disinfect surfaces before and after use.*

## **We Are Beggars, This Is True**

"We are beggars; this is true," are reported to be Martin Luther's last written words. Christians are "beggars" for God's grace, undeserving but graced nonetheless. A beggar's faith focuses not on what is given or accomplished or believed, but on what is *received*: the healing and sustenance desperately longed for and needed.

In today's gospel, the Canaanite woman is such a "beggar" for Jesus' healing for her daughter. She is denied a place at the table at first, but she will accept even "crumbs" in the faith that Jesus' healing power and love are intended even for her. As a Gentile outsider, she inhabits the margins of Jesus' mission to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." Jesus' eventual response to her beggar's faith reveals that the love of God even encompasses the margins.

Marginalized or not, we are *all* beggars before God, as Paul reminds the Romans—all "imprisoned in disobedience" and dependent on God. Thus, our sense of "insider" and "outsider" crumbles in the face of our common need and God's abundant mercy to all. Instead of dividing people between those who have a place at the table and those who get crumbs, we have an opportunity to share hospitality with our fellow beggars.

It can be challenging to see ourselves as beggars. Today the Canaanite woman becomes our model, as she persists with both humility and audacity. As disciples of Jesus and "beggars" for God's grace, we live the same paradox of humility and audacity, boldly coming to Jesus and humbly acknowledging our need. Even though crumbs from God's table would be enough for us, we are offered instead the abundance of Jesus' own self in bread and wine and invited to share this abundance with insider and outsider alike.

Augsburg Fortress resources are being livestreamed by permission. All rights reserved.  
From *Sundays and Seasons.com*. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #43732.

Permission to stream and print the music in this service obtained from OneLicense under Annual License #A-724002

Reprinted by permission under CCLI Annual License #11159563

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education  
Of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Used by permission. All rights reserved.